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JOTHAM TRIES CANVASSING.

MIRANDA JONES WILL NOT BUY HIS BOOK OR SYMPATHIZE.

The world does not pay enough heed to the examples of her eminent men. So thought I as I pondered over the fact that Daniel Webster paid for one term at Dartmouth by canvassing, that Napoleon Bonaparte won his first victories as agent for the "History of the Revolution," and that James G. Blaine sold the story of that remarkable man, whom he somewhat resembled, Henry Clay, "The mill boy of the slashes." Immediately I was seized with an intense desire to emulate them, in this respect at least. Having always lived in the East I was also eager to see the teeming prairies of the West. The reader will therefore not be surprised at my next move.

It happened that I had a third cousin on my father's side living in Hangamon County, S. D., so I determined to write and find out whether my relationship would prove agreeable to him. It read as follows:

Mr. Hezekiah Hornby:

My Dear Cousin—As vacation is fast approaching, when I shall have some leisure time, I wish to know the prospect for a book agent in your vicinity. I have a very practical work, especially suited to farmers, and should like to canvass your district, making your place my headquarters if convenient. Anxiously awaiting your response, I am,

Your cousin,

JOTHAM.

In the course of a month the following inviting reply reached me:

Jotham:

Sir—Though our fathers were related on the other side of the flood, yet, judging from the tone of your letter, my wife Sophrony and I will welcome you to our humble home. No peddler has been in our neighborhood for five years. The last one got lost in the Bad Lands. Success will depend on yourself.

Truly, HEZEKIAH HORNBY.

It is needless to say that my courage dropped considerably on receipt of the above, but thinking it might be only an effort to test my grit, I made up my mind to go at all hazards and perish if I must like my predecessor of five years previous. My publishers made me liberal terms so I started for Hangamon County early in June.

My cousin Hezekiah was situated very near the centre of the county and hence I was the better satisfied. Everything appeared so strange to my eastern eyes, however, that I spent several days with my relatives before venturing to attempt canvassing.

Monday morning as the sun rose beaming on the breakfast table, I thought it just the moment to arouse my courage with a great resolution, so I said to Hezekiah, "I shall make a start this morning. Can you give me some directions?" "Well," says he, "I think you would do best in the 'Wild Rose' neighborhood. That is ten miles from here and you can stop with Mr. Spicklemier. He will buy your book if it is any account,"

The day grew hot as I trudged off with my pack. The ten miles apparently lengthened to twenty before I at last reached Mr. Spicklemier's sod house. He had gone to town and would not be back till evening, yet Mrs. Spicklemier, a little woman with sharp gray eyes, took pity on me and gave me something to eat. I tried to repay her by showing up my book, "Ten Times Around the World," but she said she had never cared to go around the world even once and she was sure no one could live long enough to go ten times around. Believing my fate hung in the balance on her decision, I grew eloquent. I quoted whole passages. I urged her duty to her baby in the cradle. I pleaded the liberality of the Western people. I was sure her husband had only to hear the title to subscribe. Finally I made the offer to board it out and showed her how little it would really cost her. At last overcome by my entreaties she said if it would be so great a favor to me she would take it for my sake. I expostulated at this and told her to take it for the book's sake and she would never regret it. After some hesitation she did so and I stepped out of the door as proud as Alexander after he had won the victory over Bucephalus.

My first battle was won, but here is Mrs. Spindler. She will not take it without the consent of her husband. He says they have "Once Around the World" and that is enough. And here is Mr. Pinkerman. He has ten children, all living in the two rooms of a sod house. He says he will take it if he has the money when I deliver, so I put him down as conditional.

Here at last is Miranda Jones, an old maid living in a neat little "shanty" on her homestead. Now, thought I, the opportunity of a lifetime to sell a book "straight." With some difficulty I gained her attention. Then I show her all the pictures, explaining each carefully to make sure work. After that I show her the names of Mrs. Spicklemier and Mr. Pinkerman, and find out that Mr. Pinkerman has been owing her money for five years, while Mrs. Spicklemier borrowed two dozen eggs last summer and never returned them. Failing to influence her in that way I plead the intrinsic value of the paper, the beauty of the print, the accuracy of the drawings and the handsome binding. None of these move her, but her skin fits only closer to her high cheek bones. Then I speak of the influence of a good book, how whole generations are blest by such heritages; but she does not heed me. My countenance begins to fall. I try to draw out her sympathy; but not a trace of pity can I see. She will not buy and it is needless to say more.

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A week has fled and on Saturday evening I am sitting at the table with Hezekiah and Sophrony Hornby. Only ten subscribers are on my list. Two of them are conditional and the profits on three others have gone for board. My feet are sore, my back is lame, my neck is burned and my accents are weak. Hezekiah and Sophrony silently pity me. I go to bed saying little. In the morning, as the Sunday school is six miles away,

I stay at home with Jim, the hired man. Without gaining open sympathy from any one I crave all the more for it and so sit down and write.

Dearest Rosalie:

What shall I say first? How I long to see you and tell you of my bitter experiences! How I desire your healing sympathy which steals away the sharpnesses of my life and buries them in the grave of forgetfulness. Willingly would I give you all my earnings this past week for one touch of your soothing hand. Once I was lost in the Bad Lands and wandered about wildly crying for help. Was finally rescued by a stray cowboy when half starved. Once I slept out-doors by a hay stack and was soaked with rain. Three nights I slept in houses where multitudes of the minor creations kept me company! (Forgive me if it shocks your modest nature). Twice I went without any dinner and have no appetite. I have lost a hundred battles, Miranda Jones among them, and to-day, weary and footsore, I write to you appealing for sympathy and remembrance in every orison you utter.

From your forlorn, yet most affectionate,

JOTHAM.

My mind felt easier. A great load had dropped from my shoulders. She would sympathize I knew. Monday morning I went to work again with a new spirit and thought I met many Mirandas, and pert little Irish girls telling me how pretty I was, and rugged Germans asking "vash is das?" and shrewd old farmers quibbling an hour over twenty-five cents, yet in spite of all reverses a neat little sum carried me back East in the fall with a rich fund of experience.

JOTHAM.

ATHLETICS.

Athletics bid fair to come out well financially this year. The foot-ball team will probably more than pay its expenses, so that the money subscribed can be used for base ball and track athletics. This success is due partly to a fortunate combination of circumstances, but is more largely the result of good management.

During the past week a good deal of talk has been indulged in concerning the changes on the team, and the Captain has been severely criticised by some. This state of things should not go on, as nothing is more discouraging to a captain than to be accused of unfairness. The Captain has been here for several years, and has always borne the name of *absolute fairness*. The changes on the team, while they may have weakened it in some ways, were made at the suggestion of the coach, and have undoubtedly strengthened the team as a whole. It is impossible for a team to be selected at the outset of the season, and if changes are found necessary the captain should not be blamed.

The Beloit game has been postponed from next Saturday to a later date. There will probably be a game on that day with the Ills. Cycling Club eleven, and on Tuesday, Nov. 7th with the First National Bank Clerks, both on the home grounds. Every one should turn out to see these games, but all rudeness and ungentlemanly actions should be laid aside, and the visiting teams given a fair show. At Madison our team was hooted after the game, while during the playing even a good play called forth nothing but derision. Of course this was the work of a few, but if the sentiment of the crowd is against such behavior they can easily be hushed up.

A TIE GAME.

TOUCHDOWNS: LAKE FOREST, 3; NORTHWESTERN, 2.

Over eleven hundred people, the largest crowd that ever assembled in Evanston to witness a football contest, gathered in the new athletic grounds on Friday afternoon to watch the game between the teams of Northwestern and Lake Forest. It was "University Day," and Northwestern city contingent were present. Lake Forest also had a large delegation on the field. The game was an exciting one, and was hotly fought from start to finish. Tin horns and college yells were very much in evidence, as a consequence. Lake Forest clearly outplayed her opponents, but was weak in goal-kicking. Had it not been for this fact our score would have been six points greater than it was.

Game was called at 3.40, and the teams lined up as follows:—

LAKE FOREST.		NORTHWESTERN.
Rice	right end	Witwer
Rheingans	" tackle	Parsons
H. Thom	" guard	Scott
Hunt	center	Pierce
McGaughey	left guard	Aylesworth
Woolsey	" tackle	Van Doozer
Adams	" end	Parkes
Hayner, capt	quarter back	Griffith, capt.
D. Jackson,	left half	Williams
Lee	right half	Jewett
Williams	full back	Smith

Lake Forest won the toss and chose the ball. The game was opened with the flying wedge, by which L. F. made 28 yards. Then began a series of short rushes by Lee, Williams and Jackson. Williams was pushed across the line, scoring the first touchdown for L. F. within about five minutes of play. The ball was punted out, but was fumbled. Score—L. F. 4, N. W. 0.

Northwestern took the ball, and inside of ten seconds made a touchdown from a wedge play. The trick was beautifully worked. Jewett was sent around the end on a feint, while Van Doozer came out of the point of the wedge with the ball, and scored a touchdown. Jewett kicked goal. Score—N. W. 6, L. F. 4. L. F. again tried the flying wedge and gained 20 yds. Lee then made a gain of 10 yds. N. W. braced up at this point and got the ball on four-downs. L. F. soon secured the ball on off-side play, and by some quick playing forced Williams across the line for the second touchdown. Williams punted out and Thom tried for goal but failed. Score—L. F. 8, N. W. 6.

Northwestern made 15 yds. on the opening play. Runs by Van Doozer forced the ball down the field. Some elegant tackling by Adams at this stage compelled N. W. to lose the ball. L. F. tried the criss-cross, and Jackson, aided by the splendid interference of Adams, made a run of 60 yds., scoring the third touchdown for L. F. Williams failed to kick an easy goal. Score—L. F. 12, N. W. 6.

Northwestern failed to gain sufficiently on four downs, so Jewett made a long punt. Williams caught the ball and made a most brilliant run, going fully 70 yards, splendidly guarded by Lee. He was tackled by Jewett within 15 yds. of Northwestern's goal line. The ball was lost on four downs, and Jewett made a fine run to the center of the field, where it was when the first half ended.

In the first half Lake Forest had things their own way almost entirely. Northwestern's line was found to be decidedly weak, so to avoid sure defeat Capt. Griffith put on Culver of the Chicago Athletics and Sheppard. Lake Forest protested, but to no avail. The new men filled Northwestern full of "ginger," and they played for the second half with fresh life.

Evanston had the ball when play was resumed, and gained 10 yards on the wedge. Van Doozer, Williams and Culver rushed the ball up the field and across the line, Van Doozer making the touchdown. Jewett kicked goal. Score—L. F. 12, N. W. 12.

L. F. made 12 yds. on the opening play, but N. W. got the ball on four downs. Van Doozer made several gains, and a foul tackle by Hayner gave N. W. 25 yards more. Several more gains were made before L. F. got the ball. Two good runs by Jackson carried it quickly toward N. W. goal. The call of time ended the game, leaving the score 12-12.

Referee, Burbank of Minnesota.
Umpire, Semple of Princeton.

The following is the tabulated score, approximately correct:

	No. of Runs	Yards Gained.	Yards Lost.	Tackles.	Touch- downs.
Rice, r. e.	0	0	0	4	0
Rheingans, r. t.	0	0	0	2	0
H. Thom, r. g.	0	0	0	2	0
Hunt, c.	0	0	0	0	0
McGaughey, l. g.	2	4	3	1	0
Woolsey, l. t.	2	15	0	8	0
Adams, l. e.	1	2	0	9	0
Hayner, q. b.	0	0	0	6	0
D. Jackson, r. h.	8	137	0	2	1
Lee, l. h.	16	78	0	5	0
Williams, f. b.	16	193	0	5	2
	45	429	3	44	3

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Our interference was the best we have had this season.

Our Lake Forest yells proved to be far more effective than the nondescript "U-Northwestern."

If the game proved anything, it was the wisdom of the captain in making the late changes in our line.

Captain Hayner was evidently in the right place as quarter, but he still feels a little strange in his new position.

Every man in the team played a strong game, but John Lee deserves especial commendation, as this was his first regular game. He worked like a Yale veteran.

Mr. J. Z. (in ascending scale from command to entreaty): "Get back, gentlemen! Back of the line, please! *Please* get back! Oh! wont you please keep *back?*"

Several Lake Forest professors were interested spectators, among them Prof. Eager, who yelled himself hoarse. Dr. Seeley intended to go, but missed the train.

It takes a game to make Williams blue as well as to give him real delight. In the "gym" before the game he was as blue as indigo. In the game he played at fever heat, always carrying the ball forward to the very last foot possible. His tackling was hard and effective.

Prof. Dudley was at the game—that is, in the body. Prof. Burnap, so he says, approached him, and the following is the dialogue that passed between the two.

Prof. B.—"Fine play, wasn't it?"

Prof. D.—"Yes, she *is* beautiful! Such eyes!"

Prof. B.—"Oh! she lives down here, does she?"

It was interesting to note the different emotions as plainly depicted on the faces of the crowd. For instance, when the "colored gentleman" punted to Williams, the Evanston faces wore a look of delight at the length of the field over which the ball sailed. As it was dropping into his outstretched hands eager expectation was the prevailing expression, and as it was laid safely away under one arm, and Williams started down field, the expression was one of surprised displeasure. As he neared the side-line, it changed to amazement, but when they saw him safely cutting across the field like a small sixed steam engine, the look of heart-broken dismay was pitiable to behold.

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A UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB.

FOR three years past the Zeta Epsilon Society has maintained highly creditable Glee and Banjo Clubs. But this year the Society offers to use its efforts in behalf of a University Glee Club, to be composed of members from both College societies and from the Academy. Similar organizations exist in all prominent colleges, and furnish considerable pleasure and benefit to their members, as well reflecting more or less glory to their respective institutions. If Lake Forest could boast a strong society club there is surely no valid reason why she might not have a good University Club. There is plenty of available material for leaders, so that need not be an objection; or perhaps the University might furnish a leader. Petty jealousies should certainly not be allowed to stand in the way of the general good.

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THE students of the College are deeply grateful to the President and faculty for the generous course they pursued recently with regard to granting holidays. A considerable

number took advantage of the leave of absence to attend the Northwestern game. Their presence, which made itself felt in various ways, inspired our players not a little, though it must be confessed that the red and black seemed at times like a very small wave in a purple sea. On Monday the students were given an opportunity, much to their satisfaction, of witnessing the closing scenes of the "Vanishing White City." We have no hesitation in saying that in the long run nothing will be lost but much will be gained by this diversion from study.

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THE late foot-ball game is so fully discussed elsewhere that further comment is hardly needed. Suffice to say that our boys acquitted themselves nobly. The defensive work was good, and the team, taken as a whole, showed up stronger than at Madison. Although the score was a tie, there is no doubt that Lake Forest outplayed the Northwestern eleven, and but for several unfortunate "flukes" would have been far in the lead at the close of the game. A word of warning to the 'Varsity men and the "scrub:"—don't slack up in the practice. All day Monday was lost, nor was anything done on Saturday. The next Evanston game will be for "blood," and hence our standard must not only be maintained but raised. Without lots of good hard practice the team-play will inevitably suffer.

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"UNIVERSITY DAY."

THOSE of the students and faculty who went to Evanston last Friday had an opportunity to observe the workings of Northwestern's so-called University Day. The idea consists in gathering together all the students from the professional and under-graduate department for addresses and other exercises, concluding with a reception or banquet. A foot-ball game is also usually interspersed. The plan is to draw the scattered departments into closer touch with one another, thus creating a "University spirit." The scheme is an admirable one, and might be adopted by Lake Forest with great advantage. This, or some similar device, would seem to be almost a necessity if we wish to have a University in fact as well as in name.

COLLEGE LOCALS.

The Freshmen have adopted cream and crimson as their class colors. Their yell is as follows: "Zipety za, zipety zeven, zipety zim za, '97."

Owing to the Ferry Hall reception the Athenæans postponed their program for one week.

The students should be more careful in regard to their treatment of the foot-ball men. After the Madison game the men were the guys of almost every fellow whom they met. Of course it is not to be expected that the men will be made pets of and sympathized with after a defeat, yet it should be remembered that when men have gotten out and worked hard for a couple of weeks before a game that they must feel defeat as keenly as it is possible for anyone to do.

Judging from what we saw and heard while in Madison, it would be safe to say that in a few years their athletic facilities will be unsurpassed by any college in the country. Their gymnasium now being built will rival that of Yale. The State legislature donated a tract of 60 acres in the centre of Madison for a field and gave \$25,000 for putting it in order.

J. A. McGaughey has received an offer from the Monmouth foot-ball management to coach its foot-ball team this fall. The offer is as yet unaccepted. It is to be sincerely hoped that Mr. McGaughey may be prevailed upon to decline with thanks, as he is an invaluable man in Lake Forest's line.

W. N. McKee, '93, is in town.

There has been considerable well-founded complaint, during the last few days, of the inadequacy of the steam supply in the College dormitory. The warmer the day, the more heat, and the colder the weather, the less heat, seems to be the engineer's rule.

Mr. Leland T. Powers, the famous entertainer, has been secured for the evening of November 25th by the Z. E. society. He will impersonate Dickens' characters as found in "David Copperfield."

Mr. Frame, Princeton, '95, spent Friday and Saturday with his cousin "Elder" Vance.

Manager Ramsey, of Evanston, was the guest of A. P. Bourns last Friday evening. He kindly remarked that Lake Forest girls compare very favorably with Evanston young ladies.

The Chicago *Evening Journal* is accurate in its Lake Forest athletic news. The students ought to have patriotism enough to ride out of town on a rail the next "City Press" man who attempts to misrepresent the state of our athletics. In this connection we are glad to note that the Chicago *Times* gave the fullest and best account of our last game.

Mr. J. A. McGaughey received a visit early last week from Miss Nell Anderson, of Kansas, and two of his sisters who are attending Moody's Institute in Chicago early last week.

Chas. Smith, '95, entertained his father last Wednesday.

N. H. Burdick was in town over Sunday. He still finds Lake Forest very attractive.

Whoever was responsible for the Lake Forest correspondence in last Thursday's *Tribune* showed either a willful ignorance of facts or a malicious desire to misrepresent Varsity foot-ball. There was, of course, not the slightest foundation for the insinuations made, while everyone easily recognized the contemptible spirit of the article.

W. E. Shirra, a once famous Lake Forest athlete, was in town last Wednesday. He is now a "special" at the University of Chicago.

W. E. Danforth and R. H. Crozier came out from Chicago to attend the reception on Friday evening.

The Zeta Epsilon society held its regular meeting on Thursday evening last week. The program was as follows: Debate, "Resolved, That the proposed changes in our Federal election laws would be beneficial to the country at large." Affirmative, E. A. Drake, A. Black; negative, A. Haberli, J. J. Price. Decision of judges, two for affirmative, one for negative. An interesting general debate was followed by a discussion, "Our attitude toward the stage," J. H. Rice; Impromptu, "Waukesha Hygeia Water," F. S. Mellen.

FERRY HALL.

"We're alive,
We're alive,
We're the class of '95,
Ferry Hall."

Eighteen merry and very "noisy" Juniors, with Miss Conger as chaperons, enjoyed a hay ride to Highland Park last Tuesday evening. The presence of the full moon made up, in a slight degree, for the absence of the Seniors. Refreshments at Highland Park were a special feature.

Miss Estelle Condon has gone to her home in Oswego, Kansas, to act as bridesmaid at the wedding of her sister. She expects to return next week.

Miss Ann McWilliams, who was a student here last year and is now at Chicago University, came out for the reception Friday night and spent Sunday with us.

Miss Emma Lewis, of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Keener Friday and Saturday.

An open meeting of rhetoricals "B" was held last Wednesday afternoon. The following programme was well carried out:

Instrumental music,	- - -	Miss Latimer
Essay,	- - -	Miss Brown
News of the week,	- - -	Miss Marder
Recitation,	- - -	Miss Bertha Durand
Instrumental music,	- - -	Miss Mary Reid
Banjo music,	- - -	Misses Daniel and Byford
Vocal music,	- - -	Miss Utley

We hope to be able to announce the names of the societies soon.

A number of the young ladies went down to the Evanston-Lake Forest foot ball game and report an "exciting time." Why didn't Doctor Seeley go?

Miss Lelia Daniel visited her sister, Miss Lucile, on Friday.

Miss Ethelan Rogers, who attended Ferry Hall last year, spent Wednesday with us.

The Misses Smith, of Thomdac, Mass., spent Wednesday with their cousin, Miss Phelps.

Prof. Eager now makes Ferry Hall his headquarters, only going in to Chicago twice a week.

No callers were received on Saturday evening.

FERRY HALL RECEPTION.

The annual Ferry Hall reception took place on Friday evening, October 27th, and, as was expected, proved to be a most enjoyable social event. Dr. and Mrs. Seeley and their assistants are adepts in the art of reception-giving. The guests were welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Seeley, President Coulter, Miss Robinson and Mrs. Hester. The parlors presented a picture of moving grace and beauty, admirably set off by the tasteful decorations. While not so crowded as on some past times, the rooms were still well filled with a joyous throng. Variegated autumn leaves and vines were used in trimming, while pretty couches and divans were not far to seek. The library was a special feature, and skilled fingers had made it shine resplendent. Dr. and Mrs. Seeley also opened their private parlors. Refreshments, as usual, were served in the dining room. The members of the company conversed and promenaded until 10:30 o'clock, when they took their departure (unwarmed by the rattling bell).

LAKE FOREST ACADEMY.

Prof. Burnap truthfully says, "the intangible cannot be measured by inch or yard," in support of his statement that a student's knowledge cannot be gauged exactly by the mark which the teacher gives. From daily recitations and an examination is the students' standing for the term usually determined. Taking for granted that the term work aims to represent by its degree the student's knowledge, Prof. Burnap shows not only how likely is this mark to be erroneous, but how it is usually so. Take two students in a class-room. One may know little about the lesson, yet, enabled by a glib tongue, can, and does, make a smooth and satisfactory recitation. The other student may have thoroughly digested the lesson, may have a comprehensive idea of it, yet does not make a good recitation, either because of his inability to smoothly express his ideas, or he is "rattled" by some small item slipping his memory or a visitor happens to be in the room. Like wise a student's ability cannot be summed up in a number, composed of units, each one of which is supposed to represent a certain small chunk of the same. Many times has the writer observed marvelous difference in the marks of two students, whose mental constitutions differ. The one with a mind especially susceptible to a few studies which are adapted to his tastes, receives, as he deserves, high marks, whereas the other with a mind able in all branches is versatile, but receives a term-mark far below his schoolfellow's.

CHANGES IN THE CALENDER.

The Academy Faculty has decided to shorten the Thanksgiving vacation, and to close school one-half week earlier at Christmas.

At Thanksgiving school will be closed from Wednesday noon until Friday noon, and the Christmas vacation will begin Saturday, Oct. 16, at noon, continuing to Jan. 3 of next year.

Most of the students will undoubtedly appreciate these changes, especially those living at a distance, who do not go home Thanksgiving.

CAD. SECOND ELEVEN.

The Academy second team and respective positions are:

Randolph,	center.
Mallers,	{ guards.
Woolsey,	
Bogue,	{ tackles.
Kline,	
Chandler,	{ ends.
Erskine,	
Porter,	quarter.
Warren,	{ half-backs.,
Smith,	
Wells,	full-back.

Subs., Newcomb, W. Jackson, Ireland.

Following are the games to be played, as scheduled by Capt. F. Smith: Hyde Park, Nov. 11th; Waukegan and Lake View, 2nd team, no date. Other games are to follow.

ACADEMY LACONICS.

The "General" very gracefully, but with evident regret, gave up his stock of pipes recently to Dr. Palmer, who in this way occasionally replenishes his outfit.

Rev. Newcomb, of LaPorte, Indiana, visited his son, Phil last week. Mr. Addison Taylor was also visited by his father a few days ago.

Clifford Hall has been kept from school for over a week by an attack of lumbago. He was overcome by a sudden attack of the disease while in the city, and had to be carried home by several obliging citizens of Lake Forest.

Grant Owen, a former Academy student, visited Will Rice last Thursday.

We bespeak the desire of the many friends of Prof. Dudley, to have him settle definitely the date of the *important* event, and thus relieve us of suspense in the matter.

There is a good deal of generous rivalry this year for first honor in the Beginning Greek class, so that though the class numbers few, they have, as their teacher expressed it, the "scholarly spirit." May their enthusiasm for their new study carry them safely over its difficulties.

Prof. Dudley has been assassinating cats to such an extensive degree, that a certain esteemed individual with a tender sympathy for his ruthlessly slaughtered victims, protested. The professor's war-cry was, "in the name of science," as he advanced to the combat. Affairs are still at a draw.

We sincerely hope it is not the intention of the faculty to see how many students can be kept out of doors all night. Last Wednesday night the fact that the Durand Cottage door was locked at about twenty minutes to ten was brought forcibly to the notice of a certain gentleman whose indignation thereupon was certainly not uncalled for.

Last Wednesday's program of the Gamma Sigma society was an excellent one throughout. The debate was particularly interesting.

On the program of Tri Kappa's last literary meeting was a debate on the question recently announced in these columns—"Should the Senate of the United States be Abolished." The result of an excellent debate was victory for the affirmative. The society is busily engaged in a complete revision of its constitution.

Last Tuesday night the Y. M. C. A. prayer-meeting was devoted to a reorganization, which the officers termed a complete one. However, this reorganization consisted only in asking for the names of those desiring to become either associate or active members of the association.

Every body in Durand Cottage, it seems, is having his eyes treated, and consequently, alas! cannot study as he would—if—. Fred Smith is among these patients, but it's worse with him. Every time he looks at a book he sees Double.

SELF HELP.

"Say, John, how do you do this Latin?" or, "say, old man, help me out on this example, I have n't had time to look at this lesson, and I don't want to get caught again to-day," are common expressions in every school hall. Some boy has been too lazy to get his lesson or, has put it off so long there is no time left for it, and thinks the easiest way is to call on some other fellow, and thus save himself from mortification.

This has two unfortunate results; *First*, it leads to indolent habits; and *Second*, to lack of a fine sense of honor.

The "Can't do it" more often means "I am too lazy to do it," than what is intended—a lack of ability. If a professor should literally interpret the "I can't get it" of all his pupils, he would soon think he had a large number of ignoramuses. Should he say to the student what the "I can't" really justifies,—"You are a hopeless case. You had better go to shoveling dirt," the student would feel grossly insulted. It is so easy to delude himself with seemingly plausible excuses, that he continues doing it until he thinks his excuses good ones. We thus weaken ourselves. We get into the habit of depending upon others, and that essential to all true growth—self-reliance is abandoned. No student can afford to depend upon others. If his time at school is to mean anything of lasting value to him, it must be spent in the development of his own powers.

Then, the second result. A student who gets another to read his lesson for him, or solve his problems, seldom thinks that when he recites he is putting himself in a false position. But a moment's reflection will show him that he is getting credit for what he does not do. The recitation he is giving is no more his than the money the embezzler takes to pay his debts belongs to him. That is ours which we have gained by our own endeavor. This is not saying that students should never study together, nor that there is no place for mutual helpfulness. But one student should not depend upon another to do his work for him, or get out of a poor recitation through the aid of another, because he has neglected to prepare it. He better fail than be dishonest.

Depending upon others gradually lowers one's own

self respect, whether he is conscious of it or not. It applies to the matter of pecuniary aid also. A young man gets some aid from the scholarship fund, as it is his privilege to do. As long as he puts forth his best energies, as it is his duty to do, he commands the respect of others and retains his respect for himself. If, however, he relaxes his own exertions and seeks other means of aid, demanding it almost as his right, and finding fault because it is not given him, or more is not done for him, he has lost that fine sense of honor which his better nature approves, and a lack of manly independence and conscious worthiness begins to show itself in his bearing and in his speech. Everyone is glad to help those who help themselves, but a parasite is neither helpful nor noble. What I wish to urge upon every student because of its incalculable value to him is self-help and self-reliance, which lead to manly independence.—CHARLES ALDEN SMITH.

TOWN TOPICS.

Prof. Bridgeman will occupy the Benedict house for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Fitzhugh has started a new dwelling on his land north of Mr. Moss's house.

Mrs. David Fales has returned from a three week's visit in the East.

Miss Julia Moss spent Sunday in Lake Forest.

Mr. Watson and Mr. Fauntleroy were among the spectators at the football game at Evanston.

Mr. Fauntleroy has nearly completed his stable, which has been building just south of Mr. Rainey's pasture.

The cement sidewalk in front of Mr. Calvin Durand's place has been completed. Mr. H. C. Durand will continue the sidewalk to the north, and around his place to the ravine east of Mr. Hinckley's house.

Mrs. Annie Atteridge has bought of L. H. W. Speidel enough land north of her property on the main street to make an even fifty feet. Her property is now occupied by Proctor's grocery store. It is Mrs. Atteridge's intention to build a double brick store on the land sometime in the future.

South of this land, between Proctor's store and the postoffice, a new postoffice building will be immediately erected. The new quarters of the postoffice will be on a twenty-five foot front, and will occupy a two-story frame building.

Lake Forest will witness its first 'varsity football game this coming Saturday. On that afternoon the Lake Forest team will line up against Beloit, whom she defeated last year, or some other good team. The next game at Lake Forest will be on next Tuesday afternoon, when the National Bank Clerks will try their valor. These games are the first opportunity Lake Foresters will have for seeing the fine work that the team have been doing, and, moreover, a large attendance from the town people will greatly encourage the players. Everyone should be present at the games.

MORE EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS.

THE HERBARIUM.

In an early issue of THE STENTOR appeared a very brief statement concerning the Herbarium. Since this department is an established part of the University, it is fitting that a more detailed account should appear, showing the nature and significance of the work done.

The domain of work concerned lies in that branch of botanical science known as Systematic Botany, whose ultimate aim is a natural and complete system of plant classification based upon true genetic characters. Systematic Botany would thus embrace the entire plant kingdom; but in its commonly accepted sense, it has to do only with flowering plants, ferns, and their allies, leaving to the histologist the vast realm of Cryptogamic Botany.

With the cases crowded as they are now into very narrow quarters, the Herbarium does not impress the visitor with any correct idea of its "bigness." It is therefore with surprise that he learns of its 60,000 specimens of flowering plants and ferns from every country and climate, or of its great value in the excellent representation from nearly every quarter of North America. Relatively it takes rank among the large herbaria of America, while as a private collection it is second to none on this side of the water. A marked feature is the large proportion of western *flora* represented—a direct consequence of years of study on the plants of those regions, culminating in Coulter's Rocky Mountain Botany (1885), and his Manual of the Pteridophytes and Phanerogams of Western Texas, only recently completed.

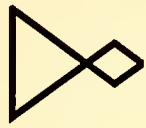
Like other private collections, it has risen to distinction along with its owner. First at Hanover, later at Wabash, then at Indiana University, receiving large additions from time to time as it moved, the Coulter Herbarium at last finds lodgment in Lake Forest, where every indication points to a period of greater growth and prosperity than ever.

Dr. Coulter is now preparing his Monograph of North American Cactaceæ for press—the result of nearly three years of critical study in that strange, difficult group. Critical material constantly being sent in for identification requires much time and attention. Revision of other groups—just now the Amaranths and the Nettles—are being worked out, all of which are to contribute their share in future publications on the Flora of North America.

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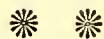
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